Name: Maggie Clark

**Title:** Maintenance Tech II **Location:** Missoula, Philipsburg

**Time with MDT:** 3 winter seasons and now a little over a year full-time

## Tell us about yourself...

I was hatched and raised in Havre, MT. I attended UND, Grand Forks, ND for 2 years. While attending school I got a job driving truck hauling agricultural chemicals. I really enjoyed driving and decided I liked making money rather than spending it on school. I worked harvest for a farmer near Jamestown to rack up miles in Class A trucks and headed back to MT. After I turned 21 I drove OTR (over-the-road) hauling oversize equipment for a while. I enjoyed getting to see so much of the country. Since then, I have been ranching with my now husband and his family.

## A typical day includes...

It is hard to line out a typical day, it depends on the season. There is always something going on, if we're not plowing (which can be any time of the year in Philipsburg), we're usually fixing signs, potholes, picking up a roadkill or two, performing minor repairs on the equipment or hauling rock. This year we have been doing some rut-filling and we have a chip seal project coming up too.

## Qualities needed to do this job include...

I feel someone in my position should be conscientious and able to multi-task. You really have to know what's going on around you to be safe. A person should also be capable and willing to learn, a self-starter is a bonus, and be able to work well with other people.

## My favorite things about working at MDT and why I stay here include...

After spending 3 winters with MDT I knew I would apply for a full-time position when it opened. I suppose one of my favorite things is the people I work with. I feel we have a pretty good crew here and we get along really well. I enjoy getting to meet new people within the division. Mostly I enjoy driving and operating equipment. I love to learn to run something new and there's no shortage of learning around here!